



Croatia Adventure ★ 4.84 43 Reviews

## Croatia Adventure

6 Days

14 People Max



*Sea kayak in pristine waters, bike through medieval towns, and embrace vibrant Mediterranean culture on our Croatia Adventure.*

You've likely seen pictures of the Dalmatian Coast, with orange-roofed houses dotting magnificent coastlines and beauty stretching beyond where the eye can see. Explore the best of it on our 6-day Croatia Adventure. After meeting your fellow travelers in Split, you'll board a ferry and head to Hvar Island. Your home for the next few nights, you'll enjoy biking through stunning Venetian Renaissance architecture, sea kayaking around the Pakleni Otoci islands and sampling local food. Next, take a private boat to Korčula island, where spectacular views of the Adriatic sea await. Bike through olive groves, snorkel in the warm Mediterranean waters and relax over wine-tasting at a local vineyard. If you're ready for a true hiking vacation, hop aboard our Croatia Dalmatian Coast Adventure Tour.

### Trip Highlights

Biking - From Jelsa to Hvar

Biking - Korcula Island

Kayaking - Pakleni Otoci Islands

Kayaking - Marinkovac Island

Hiking - Peljesac Peninsula

Plus ... - Cooking class at a local restaurant

Plus ... - Visit a Franciscan Monastery

Plus ... - Beach buggy safari on Lumbarda beach

Plus ... - Snorkel hidden bays

Plus ... - Enjoy a wine tasting

## Our Active Adventures Assurance

We value loyalty, and appreciate that it goes both ways. So when you book with us we'll make a few assurances to you so you can book with complete confidence, no matter what's happening in your life (or the world).



### COVID-Ready Certified: Safe Travel for our Guests Travelling Overseas

Active Adventures has received the World Travel and Tourism Council's Safe Travels stamp, which guarantees you that we'll follow all ATTA and WTTC health and safety guidelines on all our trips. See how our small group, off-the-beaten-track adventures are perfect to start exploring again.

## Croatia Adventure ~ Itinerary

### DAY 1

#### Ferry to Hvar Island, cycle Jelsa and Vrboska

We meet in the morning in Split before we ferry to beautiful Hvar Island, disembarking at the quaint harbor town of Stari Grad, home to the fortified Tvrđalj castle, the impressively restored Bianchini Palace and a Dominican monastery. Mount up and pedal to Jelsa, admiring the octagonal Renaissance Church of Saint John and the turquoise, pine-fringed waters of Mina Bay and Grebisce. Continue on to Vrboska, also known as “Little Venice” for its plethora of small bridges. Explore the sixteenth-century church of Saint Mary of Charity and the Renaissance works of Veronese and Bassano at the Church of Saint Lawrence. Finish your ride in Hvar, whose long waterfront promenade, yacht-lined quays, traffic-free marble streets, and tasteful harbor-front bars and cafés offer the perfect retreats for relaxing and people watching. Explore beautifully ornamented Gothic palaces, a Franciscan cloister, and a historic arsenal before climbing to a Spanish fort for spectacular views of the city at sunset. This evening we gather for a festive welcome dinner.

#### **Hotel Adriana, Hvar (Lunch, Dinner)**

**Biking:** Up to 43.5 kilometers (up to 27 miles, easy to moderately strenuous)

### DAY 2

#### Sea kayak the peaceful Pakleni Otoci Islands

This morning we set off to explore the peaceful Pakleni Otoci Islands by sea kayak. Scattered off the southwest coast of Hvar and blanketed in the low pine forest, the archipelago originally derived its name from the native paklina, a pine resin once used as a ship sealant. Paddle the idyllic bays of Marinkovac Island and savor the ubiquitous scent of pine, lavender, and rosemary as you coast along the sandy beach at Sv. Klement Island. This evening, enjoy a cooking class and dinner at a local restaurant and try your hand at a Croatian specialty such as Cevapi (spiced sausages) with ajvar sauce, mussels, and black risotto.

#### **Hotel Adriana, Hvar (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

**Kayaking:** 3.5 hours including lunch, easy

### DAY 3

#### Cycle Korcula Island

Travel by private boat from Hvar Town to Vela Luka on Korcula Island for a day of biking. Set on a tiny peninsula on the Peljesac channel, Korcula was first home to Slavic pirates who used the island as a base from which to attack passing ships; in the year 1000, it was taken over by Venice, marking the start of an 800-year on-and-off Venetian rule. Today, the island is renowned for its gorgeous, white quarried stone, countless secluded bays, small, uninhabited islands, and breathtaking views. Make a stop in Smokvica to enjoy lunch as a group. Explore several small villages on today's ride, which culminates in the medieval walled town of Korcula, whose Old Quarter boasts a harmonious mix of 15th-century Gothic and 16th-century Renaissance trimmings. Visit the home of Marco Polo, Saint Mark's Cathedral with paintings by Tintoretto, the Town Museum, and the Byzantine Icon Museum. Feast on some fresh and authentic Croatian seafood tonight at Restaurant Riblji.

#### **Hotel Liburna, Korcula (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

**Biking:** Up to 48 kilometers (up to 30 miles)

### DAY 4

## Hike Kocje nature preserve & explore Korcula Town

Today we'll travel to the village of Zrnovo where our hike begins through Mediterranean vegetation and along centuries-old stone walls. As we enter the Kocje nature preserve the landscape changes from fields to lush Croatian Oak forests, a canyon with dolomitic rock formations, and a cave with natural spring water. We then make our way along the picturesque Peljesac peninsula to a farm-to-table restaurant for lunch. After, you'll have the rest of the afternoon to enjoy Korcula and even go for a swim in the Adriatic if you please. Dinner this evening is on your own.

### **Hotel Liburna, Korcula (Breakfast, Lunch)**

## DAY 5

### Buggy safari on Lumbarda beach, snorkel and wine tasting

Today we start with an exciting buggy safari heading for Lumbarda beach. Follow your guides along the coastal gravel roads above Lumbarda and Zrnovo villages, pausing to admire the spectacular views and to swim and snorkel in two hidden bays. Admire the tranquil waters and look for wildlife as you enjoy lunch on the boat. Enjoy a wine tasting before making your way back to Korcula Town by bike. This evening we gather for a delectable farewell dinner.

### **Hotel Liburna, Korcula (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)**

**Biking:** Up to 33.8 kilometers (up to 21 miles), easy

**Diving/Snorkeling:** Snorkel two hidden bays

## DAY 6

### Head back to Dubrovnik, depart for home

Enjoy one last breakfast before you are transferred to the Dubrovnik airport or Dubrovnik town. Most will opt to spend a night in Dubrovnik to explore its picturesque town center which has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### **No Accommodation (Breakfast)**

**Notes:** \*Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate.

## Useful Info

### How much luggage can I bring on this trip?

You are allowed one piece of luggage on your trip, plus a daypack. Your main piece of luggage should not exceed 50 pounds (23 kilograms) and can be anything from a duffle bag to a sports bag with wheels or a suitcase. You'll also want a good quality backpack sized 25-30 liters (2000 cubic inches) to use throughout the days.

You may also like to bring along a small camelbak to carry your water in and a layer of clothing for when you're on the bike trail.

### Can you tell me more about the bike and gear included?

We most commonly use the Cannondale Adventure 800 Rigid, with straight or racing handlebars, 27 speeds and seat suspension. If you want to bring your own cycling gear such as cycling shoes, pedals, helmet or seat (no seat stems please!) we'd be happy to help fit them for you - note; if you're bringing your own shoes please also bring your own pedals, to be sure they match! All bikes come supplied with the following equipment: safety flag, rear rack and pannier, front bag with map holder, a water bottle cage, flat or toe cage pedals, helmets (small/ medium/large/XL) and water bottles, though we don't provide electrolytes.

### Is tipping expected in Europe?

Tipping is not expected in Europe however you might want to tip a little extra if you feel someone gave really fantastic service, but it's not really necessary. Many of our people also choose to tip their Active Adventures Europe trip leaders and local guides and we recommend USD\$20 per day, per guest, per Trip Leader/guide. You are welcome to tip an equivalent amount in the local currency. There are plenty of ATM's and banks in the larger towns of Europe.

### Where does the trip start?

On the first morning of the trip, our two pick-up locations are [Hotel Luxe](#) at 7:30am or the Split ferry at 8:00am. You are welcome to book your pre-trip stay at this hotel directly or any other hotel in Split, though you must make your own way to one of the two pick-up points at the pre-designated times.

### Where does the trip end?

Your trip ends with a drop-off at either the Dubrovnik Airport in time for flights below or a hotel of your choice in Central Dubrovnik around 12pm.

### What flights would you recommend?

**Arrival:** We recommend arriving in Split at least the day before your trip starts. Many guests like to arrive a day or two early to accommodate potential flight delays and/or explore the host city prior to your trip start.

**Departure:** Flying out on the last day of the trip, we recommend departing from Dubrovnik after 2pm. Earlier flight times will require a separate transfer booked at your own expense.

## How do rooming arrangements work?

Trip prices are based on shared arrangements (typically two guests per room), unless otherwise stated. For solo travelers, we'll pair you with another person of the same gender to share rooms and if there's no one suitable to share with, there's no forced single supplement. However, if you specifically request your own rooms, you can opt to pay the single supplement. Solo travelers who book within 90 days of departure, where there are no other solo travelers willing to share, will be required to pay the single supplement.

For Family Vacation bookings, families consisting of four guests traveling with children aged 17 and under will be automatically assigned one shared room. However, the following alternative rooming allocations are available:

Families consisting of four guests with all children aged 13 and above are welcome to opt for additional rooms as per advertised double occupancy adult rates.

Families consisting of four guests with at least one child aged 12 and under are automatically assigned a shared room. However, families can opt to pay the adult rates for all guests in their family to have an additional room.

The same principles apply for families consisting of more than four guests.

Rooming preferences are subject to availability and must be communicated in writing at time of booking. Automatic assignments as per this policy will be applied in the absence of any specification provided by guests. Any request for additional rooms during trips will be at guests' own expense and subject to rates made available by the accommodation provider at the time. All minors (guests aged 17 and under) must be accompanied by at least one adult.

## What is not included?

Flights to and from trip start/end points

Pre/Post accommodation

Optional extra activities

Travel insurance

Gratuities for your guides

Rental gear

## General Trip Information

You can find details on recommended flights and fitness, as well as trip start and end in the 'Useful Information' section above.

### Accommodation

Our trips focus on getting you outside for the best adventure activities in the most stunning parts of Europe. We choose our accommodation very carefully, but it's by no means a tour of the fanciest hotels on the continent. Some of the places we stay are quite luxurious and other places - like the mountain lodges in the Dolomite Mountains - are relatively basic, but in truly spectacular locations!

### Included

- Our own highly experienced guides and leader, with you from start to finish
- Industry-leading Guest-to-Guide ratio (averaging 6:1)
- Your own 'Travel Wallet', an online space with everything required for your adventure
- Our knowledgeable Customer Service Team to answer your queries - just a phone call, email or chat away
- Customer Service pre-trip phone calls to ensure you're 'trip ready'
- All accommodations for the duration of your trip
- All meals except where indicated in the itinerary
- Unlimited snacks to keep you fueled
- Flights as outlined in the itinerary
- All activities outlined in the itinerary
- All necessary equipment (well-maintained and safe) for activities, including bikes (where bike rides are applicable)
- All gratuities for hotels, restaurants, and activities
- All park and other entry fees
- Transportation in our air-conditioned vans - safe, clean, modern, and comfortable!

### Itinerary Updates

We update our itineraries regularly, so please check our website for the most up-to-date itineraries and pricing. We make every effort to ensure itineraries are updated as necessary, though changes may occur without prior notice due to unforeseen circumstances.

### Outdoor Experience

Our trips allow you to make the most of the back country, whether you're relatively new to hiking or a seasoned trekker. Our highly trained and experienced trip leaders will be at your side, safely guiding you to magnificent places that you wouldn't get to on your own. The challenges are there, if you're looking for them, all we ask is that you be energetic and in reasonable shape and we guarantee you'll have an incredible time. You don't need kayaking experience to enjoy paddling on the water and you don't need to be a serious cyclist to enjoy most of the rides we do. In fact, we have so many options available that you don't need to ride or paddle at all if you'd rather hike or just laze around! We hold all relevant licenses and permits, and have an impeccable safety record. So with all the research, logistics, safety and hospitality taken care of, you can focus on the most important thing - making the most of your vacation!

### Excluded

- International/Domestic Flights and transfers to start/end point
- Optional additional activities
- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic beverages
- Additional equipment available to rent as per your itinerary
- Gratuities for your guides at the end of your fabulous trip